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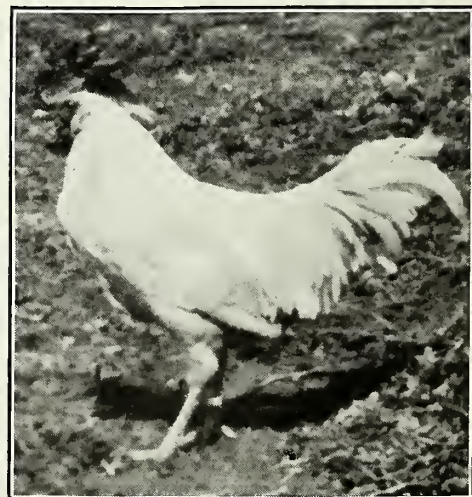
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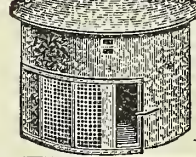
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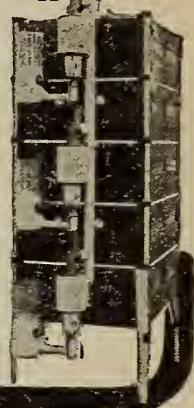
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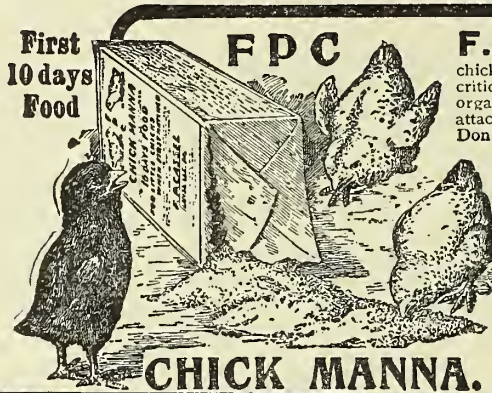
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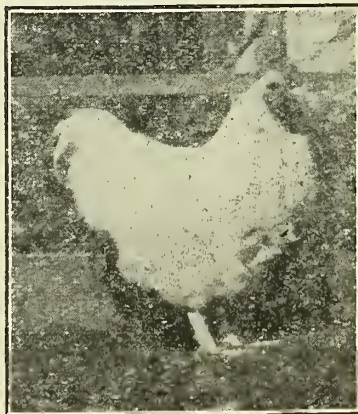
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Lessons Learned From The National Contest

One hundred and fifteen hens lay over 200 eggs each. One hen ties the World's Contest Trapnest Record by laying 286 eggs in twelve months—English White Leghorns make the greatest pen record—White Wyandottes make the highest average, with Barred Plymouth Rocks second—
A Missouri Pen wins second place.

ALL previous records have been broken in the National Egg Laying Contest which closed December first at the Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station at Mountain Grove. Lady Laymore, hen No. 611, a S. C. White Leghorn from Nebraska, tied the world's trapnest record for an egg laying contest. She laid 286 eggs in twelve months. She beat Lady Showyou's record by five eggs. The English pen of S. C. White Leghorns won the grand championship by laying 2296 eggs. Every one of the hens in this pen except one laid over 200 eggs.

Why is it that some pens have a single hen in the pen of ten hens that will make a very high record and the remaining birds in the pen will be below the average? We think it is due to the fact that a poultryman like Barron has given much thought and much time to the question of selection and breeding for egg production. Such breeders have done some trapnesting, some pedigreeing, and they know the kind of males and females that they are breeding from. Such poultrymen have selected and bred from 200 egg males, that is, males bred from hens with 200 egg records, so long that they have fixed the egg laying characteristics and the egg laying ability in the entire flock, so nearly so that practically all their hens average well and make good records, barring sickness, accident or improper methods of feeding and housing. While the other fellows have bred more or less promiscuously and unknowingly. Therefore, they only get an occasional high hen. A good fancier might see an exceptionally beautiful bird exhibited by an amateur, but not knowing whether the bird had a line of good breeding back of him, a good fancier would not give much for such a bird to cross on his flock because the birds good points might not be fixed by years of breeding, and he might not be able to transmit his good qualities. The same is true in breeding for egg production. In some pens, practically every bird gives evidence of years of careful selection and breeding, and another pen has only an occasional good bird which shows that these good qualities are not so firmly and uniformly fixed in the flock. Mr. Poultryman, know the history and the pedigree of at least a few of your best breeding males. It pays.

In addition to the above facts, our records for this contest and the two previous ones, lead us to state the following as being true: There is an egg type and a beef type in poultry, just as true as there is a dairy type and a beef type in cattle. We find both of these types in all varieties of poultry. And there is also the intermediate, or dual purpose type. We are not going to attempt to describe these except to say that our best hens are medium sized birds, and as a rule, are considerably under standard weight. They are late moulters and practically free from the disposition to broodiness. They have thin pelvic bones; rather high tails; rather narrow skulls, not a masculine head in appearance; large, bright eyes; large combs; long and broad backs carried much higher than that portion nearest the tail; wide behind with plenty of space between the point of their breast bone and the points of the pelvic bones; and they must be good feeders, always active and alert. The good laying hens are nearly always somewhat close feathered. Not loosely feathered like the Cochins. We believe that if a White Leghorn with a

record of 250 eggs and a Barred Rock with the same record, were both in good health and condition, and were both killed and picked at the same time, you would find a great resemblance and uniformity in the shape and measurements of the body and bones of the two fowls. You would have to make due allowance for the extra size of the Plymouth Rock of course.



These contests have also proven beyond a doubt in my mind that a reasonable amount of beauty and a reasonable amount of eggs can be combined in the same fowl. The Barred Rock, the White Rock, the Buff Leghorn and a number of the other hens which made the highest records this year, were hens which would not disgrace any show room. The Barred Rock which laid 254 eggs was exceptionally good in color and shape. Just as have some of the fanciers utterly disregarded egg production in their matings, just so have some of the egg men utterly disregarded color in their matings. We do not believe it is possible to produce a record breaking layer and pay too

much attention to color, neither can you breed the exceptionally high scoring specimen and pay too much attention to egg production, but we do believe it is possible to breed whole flocks that can average 150 to 180 eggs and have individuals laying from 200 to 250 eggs and still have beautiful color and shape, which is not necessarily Standard shape. There seemed to be a disposition at the last A. P. A. meeting at Chicago to gradually change the shape of our varieties until they conform more nearly to the egg type, and that is what we should come to. Also the egg men should strive to improve the color in their flocks, and the Standard makers should always bear in mind not to make the color requirements so artificially impossible that a good poultryman could not combine a reasonable amount of beauty in shape and color, and at the same time have a productive flock. We are glad to say that the disposition of the Standard makers seems to be in that direction more than ever before.

The highest pens from the different countries ranked as follows at the close of the contest:

Pen.	Eggs.
o. S. C. White Leghorns, best English Records	2296
65. S. C. White Leghorns, best American Records	2104
102. S. C. White Leghorns, best New Zealand Records	1814
77. S. C. White Leghorns, best Vancouver Island Record	1774
3. S. C. White Leghorns, best Australian Record	1660
21. White Wyandottes, best Ontario Record	1641
64. S. C. White Leghorns, best British Columbia Record	1460
76. S. C. White Leghorns, best South African Record	1352

Our experience with foreign pens leads us to believe that on account of the change of season, change of climate and long distances that it is almost impossible to ship birds from Australia and New Zealand and other countries of equal distance and then get satisfactory results. We believe we can breed from these pens one year at this place and raise their young in this climate and they will do far better than their parents. Many of these did quite well, however, considering the fact that they were just about frying size when they reached here last December.

In this contest which just closed, 115 hens laid more than 200 eggs each. The highest of these hens of each variety is as follows:

Hen.	Eggs.
611. S. C. White Leghorn, Nebraska	286
180. White Wyandottes, Pennsylvania	265
566. Barred Plymouth Rock, Iowa	254
24. Ancona, Missouri	243
335. Black Orpington, Nebraska	243
576. White Plymouth Rock, Texas	242
456. R. C. Rhode Island Red, Missouri	239
236. Silver Wyandotte, Missouri	233
363. Buff Orpington, Texas	230
476. S. C. Rhode Island Red, Missouri	227
48. S. C. Black Minorca, Missouri	225
197. Buff Wyandotte, New York	222
13. Campine, New Jersey	216
42. S. C. Buff Leghorn, Michigan	215
278. Black Langshan, Missouri	215
524. Buff Plymouth Rock, Missouri	210
895. White Orpington, Missouri	205
141. Black Rhineland, California	202

The hens in the national contest made an average of 159 eggs per hen. There were several hens which did not lay an egg. These will be killed and examined to determine, if possible, what was the cause of their barrenness. The average would have been at least from five to eight eggs more per hen had the contest started the first of November, 1913.

The ten highest pens in this contest were as follows, each pen being composed of ten hens:

Pen.	Eggs.
o. S. C. White Leghorns, England	2296
24. White Wyandottes, England	2047
18. White Wyandottes, Pennsylvania	2006
47. S. C. Reds, Missouri	1996
59. Barred Plymouth Rocks, Ohio	1867
9. S. C. White Leghorns, Pennsylvania	1821
53. Barred Plymouth Rocks, Illinois	1809
51. White Plymouth Rocks, Arkansas	1784
23. Silver Wyandottes, Missouri	1764
57. White Plymouth Rocks, Texas	1752

The average number of eggs laid by all hens of each variety was as follows:

	Eggs per hen.
All White Wyandottes averaged	190
All Barred Plymouth Rocks averaged	176
All S. C. White Leghorns averaged	172
All S. C. Reds averaged	171
All White Plymouth Rocks averaged	171
All Buff Wyandottes averaged	169
All Silver Wyandottes averaged	167
All R. C. Reds averaged	164
All Buff Orpingtons averaged	163
All Anconas averaged	162
All S. C. Black Minorcas averaged	160
All Black Langshans averaged	158
All Buff Leghorns averaged	154
All Buff Plymouth Rocks averaged	148
All White Orpingtons averaged	143

All Black Orpingtons averaged	139
All Campines averaged	135
All R. C. Black Minorcas averaged	128
All Black Rhinelanders averaged	124

These are records which any breeder should be proud of. All made good averages.

The ten highest pens in the Leghorn contest were as follows:

Pen.	Eggs.
65. S. C. White Leghorns, Missouri	2104
79. S. C. White Leghorns, Pennsylvania	2097
69. S. C. White Leghorns, Missouri	1939
70. S. C. White Leghorns, Missouri	1867
75. S. C. White Leghorns, England	1822
102. S. C. White Leghorns, New Zealand	1814
77. S. C. White Leghorns, Vancouver Island	1774
61. S. C. White Leghorns, Nebraska	1720
72. S. C. White Leghorn, Iowa	1646
80. S. C. White Leghorns, Missouri	1633

Some of the foreign birds and some of the American birds which got late starts and were out of condition finally came up and made creditable records after all. A hen may be held back and prevented from laying as many eggs as she would have done had she been kept in good condition and given proper care and treatment, but when she does reach a normal state of health and condition, she will make up for much of the time she lost, if she is properly bred. One of the highest laying pens in this contest was bred from a male bird which had one eye put out by roup. We do not recommend this practice, however, because it is unsafe. A bird may recover but the offspring too often shows a tendency to the same disease.

As a comparison of foreign bred birds and American birds, we might say that all foreign S. C. White Leghorns averaged 158 eggs each and all American S. C. White Leghorns averaged 164 eggs each, making six eggs per hen in favor of the American Leghorns.

The hens in the utility contest never had a fair chance because most of them got out of condition to start with and never fully recovered from the effects of it. The most of them, however, made a record far above that of the average hen.

The ten highest pens were as follows:

Pen.	Eggs.
86. Barred Plymouth Rocks, Michigan	1749
85. Barred Plymouth Rocks, Texas	1608
92. S. C. Rhode Island Reds, Pennsylvania	1583
94. S. C. Rhode Island Reds, Ohio	1563
99. White Wyandottes, Arkansas	1457
87. Barred Plymouth Rocks, Missouri	1404
97. White Wyandottes, Texas	1306
93. S. C. Reds, New York	1293
98. White Wyandottes, New York	1152
95. S. C. Reds, New Hampshire	1143

The National contest and the Missouri contest started on November first. We have several new varieties entered this year that we have never had before. The pens this year are composed of only five pullets. The highest pen for the month was a Missouri pen of White Wyandottes. The pen of five pullets laid 117 eggs in November and one pullet laid thirty eggs in thirty days. A complete report will be given each month in the future.

HEALTHY POULTRY THE FOUNDATION OF SUCCESS.

You Cannot Expect Profit from Sickly Birds, but only Loss and Disappointment.—Some Valuable Information on Limberneck, Bumble-Foot, Crop-Bound, Colds, etc.

By Bert Connelly.



IN SPITE of all that's said in regard to success with poultry, the foundation really rests on health of the fowls. I care not how profitable a breed one has nor how excellent they are in Standard points, nor how many blue ribbons they or their ancestors have won, nor how expensive are their houses and surroundings, if the fowls are not strong, healthy and vigorous all is a vain show as far as profit is concerned. A sickly lot of fowls that needs to be doctored all or part of the time are nothing but a vexation and loss to their owner.

To cure sick fowls is often a difficult and costly operation, but to keep fowls in health is entirely possible and practical.

To begin at the beginning, many diseases of fowls are transmitted from the parent stock. Some of our high-bred fancy stock is bred up so well that they are good for nothing to one who expects to make money from market eggs and meat. From injudicious breeding and other methods contrary to nature, their progeny are constitutionally weak and have no vigor to withstand attacks of disease, changes in temperature or feeding for egg production.



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In line breeding there is a tendency to deteriorate in vigor and vitality, and the same is true of fowls that are closely confined for several successive generations. Nature's call can be ignored for one generation with no immediate harm, but the second or third generation, nature's account must be reckoned with.

Most of the diseases in fowls are colds and indigestion or the effects of these. If fowls' eyes are watery and discharge is noticed from the nose and a wheezing noise is heard upon going into their sleeping quarter at night, they have taken cold and extra care should be taken to keep them out of drafts and very cold temperature until they are better. Camphorated lard is good rubbed on the bill and head for very bad cases. Most all of the roup cures are good for cold, for roup is only a cold that has become chronic.

Indigestion is known by dark color of the comb, drooping of wings and watery condition of droppings. It is best cured by confining the sick fowl by itself and giving it light food, preferably bread crumbs, grit and water.

Crop-bound fowls can be cured by giving no food—only grit and water for twenty-four hours and give the overloaded crop time to get rid of its undigested food. Care must be taken to get them accustomed gradually to their usual food else they will be sick again.

Limberneck is a disease that is beyond medicine. It is a nervous disease caused by high feeding for growth or eggs and too little exercise and fresh air.

Bumble-foot is caused by a poor system of roosts, either having them placed too high from floor or perches too large to allow hens' toes to clasp about the roost naturally. When pus forms in the foot it should be squeezed out and cleansed with peroxide or diluted carbolic acid.

Colds in a fowl's head will sometimes settle in the eyes and after a time cankerous growth appears. At a certain stage they can be removed and treated with a carbolic acid solution.

But as I said before, prevention is a better use of one's time than doctoring. But even with the best of care there will be an occasional sick fowl and one dislikes to see them suffer without trying to alleviate their distress. There is always one last resource—the axe—and that is best when other remedies fail. If a fowl cannot get well it should be mercifully killed and such carcasses should be buried deep or else burned.

It is a pleasure as well as a profit to care for a flock of healthy, well-bred fowls. It pays to be interested in one's work and to delight in caring for and making the fowls comfortable. It may even save one's life.

A friend of mine instead of having poultry culture for a fad took up snake culture. He had one big shiny fellow whom he specially cared for and petted and it was allowed to sleep in the house. One night a burglar, masked and armed, stealthily entered the house and proceeded to appropriate the silver, jewels and money. He was safely making his exit with the spoils when the pet snake silently enfolded the burglar in his sinuous folds and held him fast while he stuck his tail out of the window and called a policeman.

The moral is obvious: Be wise in time.—Poultry Item.

THE SUPREMACY OF THE PUREBRED FOWL.

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By T. E. Quisenberry, Director of Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station, Mountain Grove, Mo.

FROM the jungle fowl of antiquity to the highly-developed Standard-bred fowl of today, marks an era of progress which has required years and generations of careful selection and breeding. Whereas the jungle fowl hen laid less than three dozen eggs per year, the modern pure-bred hen that lays 200 and more eggs a year is no longer rare. One hundred pure-bred hens at the Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station last year laid from 200 to 260 eggs each.

We are told on good authority that the average farm hen lays in the neighborhood of seventy-five eggs per year, or about twice the yearly production of the ancient jungle fowl. The average farm hen, sad to relate, is a scrub or mongrel hen, but a step removed from the jungle fowl, and not nearly as handsome. That she lays any more eggs than her progenitor is probably due to the fact that she lives under more favorable circumstances and has at least a trace of pure blood in her veins.

From the above, the reader may have already surmised that I have a deep personal grudge of long standing against every hen and her brother, who are unable to look the world squarely in the eye and proclaim vociferously that they are pure-bred Plymouth Rocks, or Wyandottes, or Leghorns, or some other of our many excellent breeds of poultry. Like the Missouri

mule, they are "without pride of ancestry," and, like him, I would that they might also be "without hope of posterity."

Scrubs Intolerable.

If there is a single local reason why a single scrub hen should be tolerated on a single farm in this broad land of ours, I have been unable to locate it. Take for instance the matter of egg production. Seven hundred hens at the Missouri Poultry Experiment Station last year averaged 143 eggs each, or twice the average of the ordinary hens. These 700 were all pure-bred and represented twenty varieties, some of which are neither intended nor adapted for egg production. Yet the average of all of them was twice that of the average farm hen. I consider it well within the bounds of reason to say that if all the hens in the State of Missouri were pure-bred, that fact alone, if neither the present methods of housing, care or management were improved, would add not less than \$20,000-000 a year to the income of the poultry raisers of this State. What would be the result of banishing the scrub hen from all the State? I am not mathematician enough to compute.

Crossing Purebred Varieties.

"What about crossing two pure-bred varieties in order to increase egg production?" I hear someone suggest. I am immediately reminded of the now famous Oregon hen, which recently laid 303 eggs in one year from the day she laid her first egg. No one can be more willing than I to give "honor where honor is due," and to Prof. Dryden is certainly due great honor for having produced this wonderful living "egg machine." "My hat is off to Prof. Dryden, and my hand is outstretched to congratulate any one who can pull off a stunt like his whether it be with a cross-bred or even a dunghill or a what not, but I have no words with which to express the



R. I. Red Female Bred and owned by J. M. Springer, Stillwater, Okla., see his advertisement in this issue.

sorrow which I felt, however, upon learning that she was a cross-bred hen. I believe he could have produced as good results without having made the cross. In other words, I feel pretty sure that this hen made a wonderful record because of other principles involved in his method of selection and breeding and not because of the fact that this hen was a cross-bred hen.

Wrong Impressions.

From some of the statements which I have seen quoted and credited to Prof. Dryden, and some statements I have heard others make, I have been led to feel that they believe that if we expect to continue to increase our

egg yield and breed 300-egg hens, that it will be necessary for us to do so by cross breeding. Some of the foreign birds which have been making great egg records look as if they might have been cross-bred, but in spite of their belief and in spite of the evidence which we see in foreign birds of high laying strains, it must yet be proven that pure-bred poultry cannot be so selected and bred that it will not equal or surpass any record ever made or which is possible to be made by any scrub, mongrel or cross-bred hen. The fact that we have made such wonderful progress from the days of the jungle fowl to the present moment with our many varieties of pure-bred poultry, convinces me that proper methods and systems of selection and breeding of pure-bred poultry will equal and outstrip anything that will be possible with scrubs or cross-breeds. We believe that it is entirely possible to break the world's records and still stay wholly within pure-bred lines; in fact, no scrubs or cross-bred hen has yet approached the record of the venerable I. K. Felch's Light Brahma, a pure-bred pullet which laid 313 eggs in one year and which fact was mentioned in his 1913 mating list. Mr. Felch is the father of the pure-bred poultry business in this country, and no one dares dispute his veracity, I am sure. No cross-bred has yet equaled the record of this pure-bred pullet.

The exception record which this Oregon hen has made, and the publicity to which such a record justly entitles her, cannot fail to lead to a large amount of cross-breeding throughout the country. Ninety-nine one hundredths of it will be indiscriminate crossing, and as large a proportion of it will decrease rather than increase egg production. Crossing two pure-bred varieties is the first step towards creating a mongrel. Take the second step, make the second cross, and continue, and—behold your scrub! Yet that is exactly what takes place in an overwhelming majority of cases, where the first cross is made. It is a practice which we, in Missouri, are combatting with all our energy, because it is costing our poultry raisers millions of dollars a year in profits.

Advantage of Purebred Hens.

From the standpoint of profitable egg production, pure-bred hens have another great advantage over their cross-bred half sisters and scrub cousins, namely that of uniformity of product. In selling eggs on a quality basis, a practice which is coming rapidly, a much higher price is paid for eggs which grade "firsts." They must be large, fresh, naturally clean, and uniform in size, shape and color. Eggs from cross-breeds and mongrels are not uniform in size, shape or color, while those from pure-bred hens are more nearly so as a rule. Neither are nearly as large a proportion of them large enough to grade "firsts." In view of these facts, it would seem to be a logical conclusion that for profitable egg production, the pure-bred hen stands supreme.

A Common Argument.

Another argument commonly advanced as an excuse for crossing two varieties of pure-bred poultry is that the crossing increases the constitutional vigor of the progeny—in other words that pure-bred poultry is deficient in constitutional vigor. The cause usually assigned for this deficiency in constitutional vigor is that breeders, in their efforts to breed their birds to the Standard requirements of shape and color markings, have resorted to the practice of in-and-in breeding to such an extent as to materially impair the constitutional vigor of the offspring. While this may be true, and doubtless is, in certain strains of the various varieties, it is widely aside the mark to lay it down as a general rule. Scores of breeders of the various varieties are breeding strains as strong in constitutional vigor as could possibly be wished for. If one wishes to increase the constitutional vigor of his flock, he can introduce new blood of the same variety which is no more related to his birds than though it was the blood of another variety.

Even if cross-breeding did increase egg production or did increase vitality, it would still be necessary for someone to breed pure-bred poultry or else we could do no cross-breeding. You have got to have your pure-breeds before you can get your cross-breeds. If you are going to encourage cross-breeding and discourage pure-breeds then where will the fowls come from to do your cross-breeding? Let's not drift back to the days of the razorback hog, the long-horned Texas cow, and the dunghill hen. Let's stay by and encourage the Berkshire and the Poland China; the Jersey and the Hereford; the Plymouth Rock; the Leghorn, and other pure-bred hens.

The whole idea of crossing two varieties to increase constitutional vigor is based on a fallacy. If I mate a bird whose constitutional vigor is 40 per cent perfect with one whose constitutional vigor is 80 per cent perfect, part of the chicks will have the 40 per cent constitutional vigor of one parent, part of them will have the 80 per cent constitutional vigor of

the other parent, but more of them will have 60 per cent, or the average of the constitutional vigor of the two parents. Regardless of whether the two parents represent the same or different varieties. If, as is argued, the pure-bred varieties are deficient in constitutional vigor, there is absolutely nothing to be gained in crossing them. I have seen just as many chicks of poor vitality in mongrel flocks as I have in pure-bred flocks. Haven't you? I have seen just as many chicks of low vitality in cross-bred flocks as I have in pure-bred flocks. Haven't you?

A Preference for Purebred Fowl.

Occasionally someone advances the argument that crossing the pure-bred varieties produces a better marked fowl. In order to ascertain the feeling of those who are in closest touch with the market poultry business in this regard, we last spring mailed out 250 letters to as many poultry buyers, scattered throughout State—men who buy millions of dollars' worth of market poultry every year, asking them which they preferred, mongrel chickens, cross-breds, or pure-breds for market purposes. The replies came back unanimously in favor of the pure-breds. In fact, there is so great a difference in the quality that many of these buyers are going to offer a premium of from 2 to 4 cents per pound in pure-bred poultry, in addition to the current quotations during the coming season. They claim that they can sell the pure-bred poultry for enough more on the city markets to warrant them in offering the farmers extra inducements to produce that kind. They claim pure-breds fatten easier and dress up much nicer. These men know. There is no sentiment with them. It is a matter of cold dollars and cents. Their verdict should be taken as final, and we seem to be justified in drawing the conclusion that for market purposes, the pure-bred fowl is supreme.

SUGGESTIONS ON POULTRY RAISING FOR THE SOUTHERN FARMER.

Prepared in the Bureau of Animal Industry, and intended for farmers in the cotton belt who desire to diversify their farming because of the economic crisis which adversely affects the cotton crop at this time.



THE Southern farmer, by virtue of his location and climate, is splendidly situated for the production of fowls and eggs. The mild winters and early springs make the production of eggs an easy matter when prices are high.

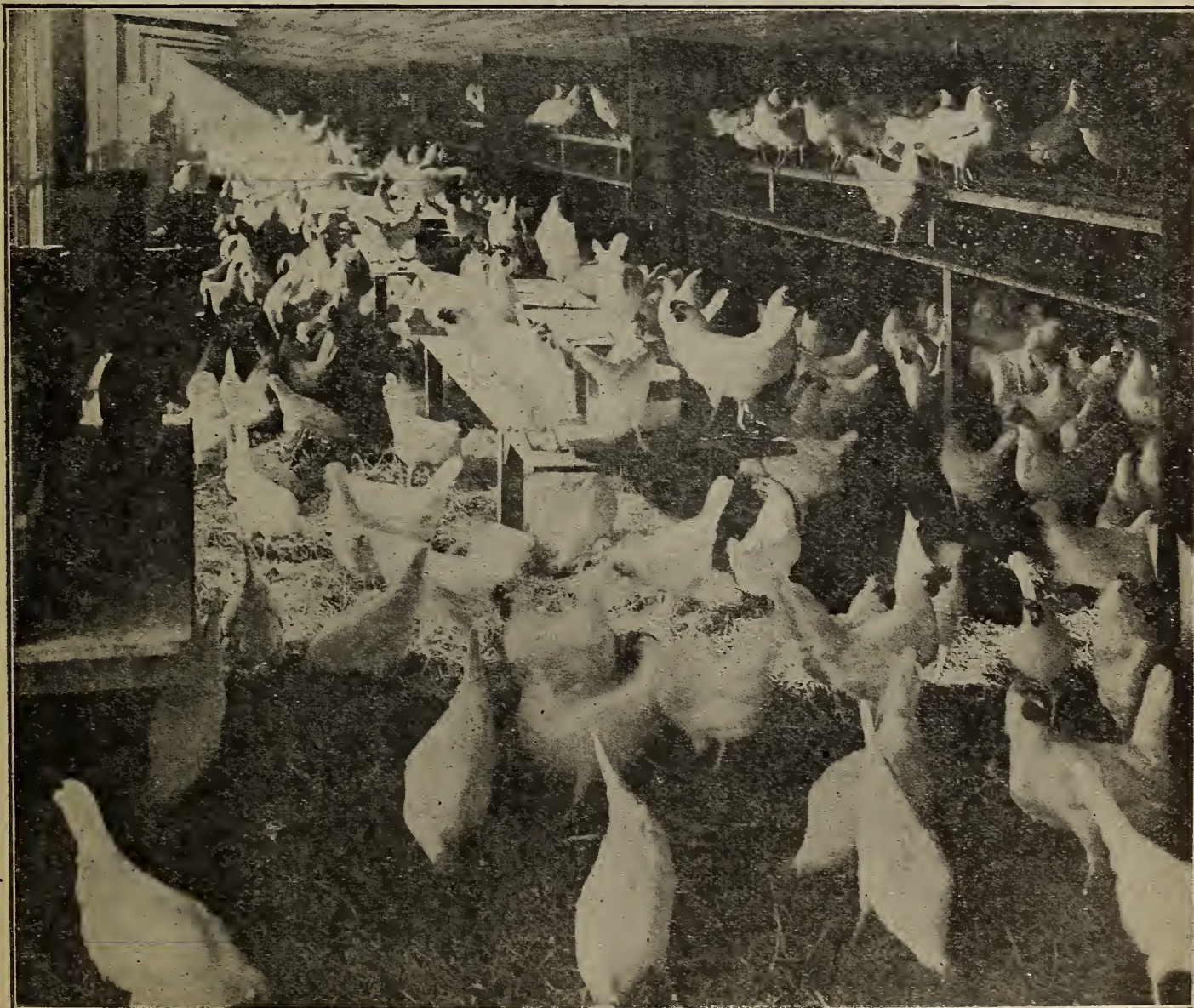
On many farms throughout the country the money derived from the sale of poultry and eggs buys the groceries and clothing for the entire family. Every Southern farmer can do as well, and should aim to keep at least 50 hens for laying purposes and home consumption. Select some of the American breeds, such as Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, or the Rhode Island Reds. The Orpingtons are also a good general-purpose breed.

Housing the Poultry.

On almost any farm there can be fitted up, with very little, if any, cost for new material, a poultry house that will answer all the purposes of more expensive buildings for keeping poultry. The essentials to success in housing are fresh air, sunshine, a dry floor, and a building that is free from drafts. The house must be free from drafts or the birds will catch cold. Colds are forerunners of roup and other diseases.

Feeding the Flock.

It takes a healthy, well-fed flock to produce eggs. Fowls must not be allowed to become too fat, as but few eggs will be laid by hens in such condition. To prevent their getting over-fat, it is best to make them work for most of their feed by scratching in a litter composed of about 4 inches of dry straw, leaves, or chaff. The following rations will give good results when proper care is given to their feeding:



One of the long breeding and laying houses on Densmore Poultry Farm, Roanoke, Va.

Grains.		Mash.
1 pound oats	} and	2 pounds corn meal.
2 pounds corn		1 pound rice bran or wheat bran.
		1 pound cottonseed meal.
1 pound oats	} and	2 pounds corn meal.
2 pounds corn, kafir corn, or milo maize		2 pounds rice bran.
1 pound broken rice or peanuts		1 pound cottonseed meal.
1 pound oats	} and	2 pounds wheat bran.
1 pound wheat or barley		2 pounds wheat middlings.
1 pound corn or kafir corn		2 pounds corn meal or corn chop.
		1½ pounds cottonseed meal.

Ten per cent or less of beef scrap may be added to the mash in all of the rations with good results. Skim milk or buttermilk is excellent for poultry. Green feeds, such as cabbages, mangel beets, alfalfa, or clover, should be added to these rations when grass is not available.

How to Set a Hen and Her Care While Setting.

When it is noted that a hen sits on the nest for two or three nights in succession, she is ready to be transferred to a nest, which should be prepared for her beforehand. This nest should be in a box and composed of straw, hay, or chaff for nesting material. Dust the hen thoroughly with insect powder each week while she is sitting. In applying the powder hold the hen by the feet, head down, working the powder well into the feathers, giving special attention to regions around the vent and under the wings. The powder should also be sprinkled in the nest. This nest should be in some quiet, out-of-the-way place on the farm, where the sitting hen will not be disturbed. Move her from the regular laying nest at night. Put a china egg or two in the nest where she is to sit and place a board over the opening so that she can not get off. Toward evening of the second day leave some feed and water and let the hen come off the nest when she is ready. Should she return to the nest after feeding, remove the china egg or eggs and put under her those that are to be incubated. In cool weather it is best to put not more than 10 eggs under a hen, while later in the spring one can put 12 to 15, according to the size of the hen. If eggs become broken while the hen is sitting, replace the nest with new, clean material, and wash the eggs in lukewarm water so as to remove all broken-egg material from them.

Testing the Eggs.

Many eggs that are laid are infertile. For this reason it is advisable to set several hens at the same time. After the eggs have been under the hen for seven days they should be tested to see whether they are fertile or infertile. Infertile eggs should be removed and used at home in cooking or for omelets, and the fertile eggs should be put back under the hen. In this way it is often possible to put all the eggs that three hens originally started to sit on under two hens and reset the other hen again. A good homemade egg tester or candler can be made from a large shoe box, or any box that is large enough to go over a lamp, by removing an end and cutting a hole a little larger than the size of a quarter in the bottom of the box, so that when it is set over a common kerosene lamp the hole in the bottom will be opposite the blaze. A hole the size of a silver dollar should be cut in the top of the box to allow the heat to escape. An infertile egg, when held before the small hole with a lamp lighted inside the box, will look perfectly clear, the same as a fresh one, while a fertile egg will show a small dark spot, known as the embryo, with a mass of little blood veins extending in all directions if the embryo is living. The testing should be done in a dark room.

Care of the Hen and Chicks.

If the eggs hatch unevenly, those which are slow in hatching may be placed under other hens, as hens often get restless after a part of the chickens are out, allowing the remaining eggs to become cooled at the very time when steady heat is necessary. Hens should be fed as soon as possible after the eggs are hatched, as feeding tends to keep them quiet; otherwise many hens leave the nest. In most cases it is best that the hen remain on the nest and brood the chickens for at least 24 hours after the hatching is over. Chickens hatched during the winter should be brooded in a poultry house or shed while the outside weather conditions are unfavorable; after the weather becomes settled, they should be reared in brood coops out of doors. Brood coops should be made so that they can be closed at night to keep out cats, rats, and other animals, and enough ventilation should be allowed so that the hen and chicks will have plenty of fresh air. Hens will successfully brood 10 to 15 chickens early in the breeding season, and 18 to 25 in warm weather, depending upon the size of the hen.

The hen should be confined in the coop until the chicks are

weaned, while the chicks are allowed free range after they are a few days old. Where hens are allowed free range and have to forage for feed for themselves and chicks they often take them through wet grass, where the chicks may become chilled and die. Then, too, in most broods there are one or two chicks that are weaker than the others and if the hen is allowed free range the weaker ones often get behind and out of hearing of the mother's cluck and call. In most cases this results in the loss and death of these chicks, due to their becoming chilled. The loss in young chicks due to allowing the hen free range is undoubtedly large.

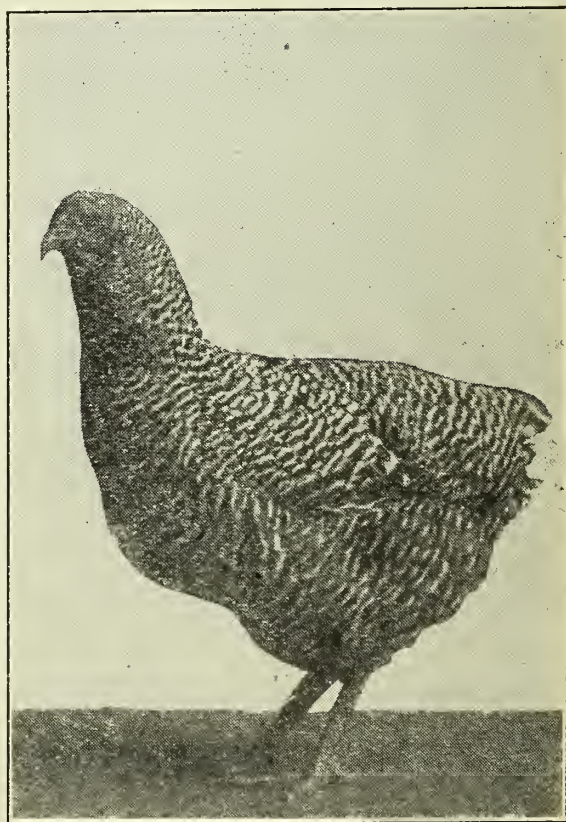
Chickens frequently have to be caught and put into their coops during sudden storms, as they are apt to huddle in some hole or corner where they get chilled or drowned. They must be kept growing constantly if the best results are to be obtained, as they never entirely recover from checks in their growth even for a short period. Hens should be left with the chicks as long as they will brood them.

Feeding Young Chickens.

Young chickens should be fed from three to five times daily, depending upon one's experience in feeding. Undoubtedly chickens can be grown faster by feeding five times daily than by feeding three times daily, but it should be borne in mind that more harm can be done to the young chickens by overfeeding than by underfeeding, and at no time should they be fed more than enough to satisfy their appetites—and to keep them exercising—except at the evening or last meal, when they should be given all they will eat. Greater care must be exercised not to overfeed young chicks that are confined than those that have free range, as leg weakness is apt to result.

The young chicks may be fed any time after they are 36 to 48 hours old. The first feed may contain hard-boiled eggs, johnnycake (1 dozen infertile eggs to 10 pounds of corn meal; add enough milk to make a pasty mass, and 1 tablespoonful of baking soda), stale bread, pinhead oatmeal, or rolled oats. Dry bread crumbs or rolled oats may be mixed with hard-boiled eggs, making about one-fourth of the mixture eggs. Feed the bread crumbs, rolled oats, or johnnycake mixtures five times daily for the first week, then gradually substitute for one or two feeds of the mixture finely cracked grains of equal parts by weight of cracked wheat, cracked corn, and pinhead oatmeal or hulled oats, to which about 5 per cent of cracked peas or broken rice and 2 per cent of charcoal, millet, or rape seed may be added. A commercial chick feed may be substituted if desired. The above ration can be fed until the chicks are two weeks old, when they should be placed on grain and a dry or wet mash mixture. Mashings mixed with milk are of considerable value in giving the chickens a good start in life, but the mixtures should be fed in a crumbly mass and not in a sloppy condition.

As soon as the chickens will eat whole wheat, cracked corn, and other grains, the small-sized chick feed can be eliminated.



"ELEANOR"—Special Best Pullet by Member of Club, Owensboro, Dec. 1-5, 1914. Bred by C. E. Carpenter, Owensboro, Ky.

In addition to the above feeds the chickens' growth can be hastened if they are given sour milk, skim milk, or buttermilk to drink. Growing chickens kept on range may be given all their feed in a hopper, using as a grain mixture two parts by weight of cracked corn and one part of wheat, and for a mash mixture any of those given for laying hens. If beef scrap is to be fed, it is advisable to wait until the chicks are 10 days old. Chickens confined to small yards should be supplied with green feed, such as lettuce, sprouted oats, alfalfa, or clover, but the best place to raise chickens successfully is on a good range where no extra green feed is required.

Some Poultry Hints.

Allow the hens free range. Wire in the garden, not the hens. Stronger fertility is secured from birds on range.

Remove the male birds from the flock as soon as the hatching season is over, so as to produce infertile eggs.

Infertile eggs are produced by hens having no male birds with them.

Infertile eggs keep much better than those that are fertile.

The male bird has no influence on the number of eggs laid.

The hen's greatest profit-producing period is the first and second years.

February and March are the best hatching months. Chicks hatched during these months are freer from sore head than those hatched later.

Do not allow sitting hens to remain in the hen house. By so doing many eggs are started to incubate, which renders them unfit for use at home or to market.

If possible place the brood coops near the cornfield, which furnishes both shade and fresh ground.

The free use of kerosene or crude petroleum on the roosts, dropping boards, in the cracks, and around the nests will exterminate mites.

Whitewash is also good.

Spray the brood coops once a week with some of these solutions and move to fresh ground.

Be sure and feed the table scraps to the fowls. Milk is one of the best feeds for egg production.

For additional information on poultry get in touch with your county agent and State agricultural college.

Write to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for Farmers' Bulletins on poultry. They are free for the asking.

THE BLUE ORPINGTON AS A GENERAL PURPOSE FOWL.

Read What One of the Leading Southern Breeders Has to Say in Regard to This New Variety.

By Garvey McKee, Watertown, Tenn.

BLUE Orpingtons. This is a new variety of the Orpington family and we believe they will rank far ahead of the other varieties, as they are so suitable for city and country, for having a dark, slaty blue color, they do not show soot, dust, and etc, like the lighter varieties. In size they rank right in a class with the blacks. This variety was originated in England several years ago and since their arrival in America they have been breeding them to as near perfection as I believe it possible to breed them, so far as size and type are concerned. While there is yet room to improve in color, they are about as good in color as the other varieties. When this variety is brought up to perfection in color we will have the most beautiful breed yet produced. In the males we find they must have a dark slaty blue black, tail and hackle with a lighter under color and breast, and fluff must be well laced with a little black edging. Occasionally we will find breeders who do not know the breed well enough to get the best results from them as breeders and will produce a greater percentage of light blue chicks or splashed blue. We prefer to mate our dark males with the light females, and our dark females with the light males; this will produce a larger percentage of show and breeding birds than can be expected when both light males and females are used in the same yards, as their chicks will come too light in color; at least 25 to 50 per cent of them will. The Blues was among the most popular varieties in England before the great European war broke out, and we hope to see these breeders bring them up to a greater perfection and demand, yet they are still shipping them to this country and we are glad they are, for we need more of them in our country. They surely have a greater future before them than any other variety that we know of today. The Faverolles also have a good future ahead of them, our advice to those who have these two new breeds it not to sell off too closely but produce in 1915 as you have never done here-to-fore, as

there will be a still greater demand for these varieties than there is today, and none of the breeders are nearly able to supply the demand in stock or eggs at good prices. We want to warn those who wish to take up the breeding of these varieties, especially Blue Orpingtons, against cheap birds, as cheap birds in this variety are not of sufficient merit to breed from. Like the whites and other varieties were when first introduced into America, there is such a demand that some breeders sell an inferior quality at very good prices, sometimes reaching \$10.00 each. We would advise anyone to get a \$50.00 or \$75.00 trio or a \$75.00 or \$150.00 pen from a reliable breeder and he can usually depend on these to produce some exceptionally good birds.

In 1911 there were exhibited at the Crystal Palace Show, London, England about twenty Blue Orpingtons, one of these winning special gold medal, challenge cup and an international trophy for best Orpington in the show (Buffs excepted) beating four hundred and thirty-five other Orpingtons.

In 1912 there were exhibited at the same show about one hundred and twenty. Again a Blue Orpington won cup for best Orpington in show. In 1910 the first Blue Orpingtons were exhibited at Madison Square Garden, New York, being two in number, in 1911, at the same show nine were shown. In 1912-13 sixty were shown. This will give you some idea as to their quality and popularity and I say again that they need to be put before the public. Let the people know about a good thing when we have it. We hope they will be admitted to the Standard of Perfection next year as they certainly deserve it. I am not sure but I have been told that they will be admitted.

They maure very quickly, reaching broiler size at eight weeks, and are exceptionally good layers and very hardy. They were produced from the Orpington family, containing the blood of the following varieties: Spangled, Cuckoo, Black and White Orpingtons. They far excell the other varieties, and are more active than the Blacks, producing many more eggs in a year than the Blacks in my experience. Introducing new blood into this new variety does not effect it in the least, as far as color is concerned. While I always prefer line breeding I think it gives us much finer specimens in type, size, and bone and in some varieties better color. There are some breeders who do not believe so much in line breeding and for these I believe they could not do better than to select the Blue Orpington, eliminating all trouble of keeping records and pedigrees of the stock. A pedigree is, however, a good thing and aids in selling many birds that we could not sell without it, and a bird bred from a string of winners for several years is worth much more than a bird from an accidental winner, as we know you can breed a fine winner from a cull. But this is a very unusual occurrence, and the offspring of such will not be as good as the parent stock, and then what? We want good birds with a pedigree, so their offsprings will far excell the parent stock each year, so we can keep on winning. If the great war does not come to a close in Europe in the near future we will not be able to secure any show birds from there, and the breeders in this country will be flooded with orders for stock and eggs, but unable to fill a great portion of them, for you are aware of the fact that there are thousands of Orpingtons imported to this country each year and breeders who import are looking for the best that money can possibly buy and England is always willing to sell the best for the price. And now Mr. Fancier you had better give this a thought, or you will be selling your best to some one else at a reduced price, on account of feed stuffs being a few cents higher per 100 pounds than it was last year and the first thing you know you will be selling your stock from your past winning record and not able to produce winners as you were last season.

Feed is but a little higher, if any, than it was last year. I know whereof I speak, for I live right here on the farm. Wheat is selling at one dollar and ten cents per bushel and corn three dollars per barrel, while last year wheat sold for \$1.00 per bushel and corn sold for \$3.50 per barrel, an increase of ten cents on wheat and ten cents decrease per bushel in corn.

I have been reading and hearing the people crying out "war, war, war causing high prices." It is not that at all; it is the scarcity of stock, and too many people leaving the country and going to the city.

We deal in stock as well as poultry, and hogs are cheaper than they were last year. Let me say to you poultrymen and stockmen, everything will be higher here in 1915 than it ever has been, all these warring nations must eat and they are going to be able to produce very little, if anything next year and therefore they will be compelled to call on America for her supply, even if the war should come to a close right now; and there is but little hope of it closing for some time.

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KEEP THE GOOD WORK UP.

THE Rhode Island Red Journal and the other specialty poultry journals have organized for the purpose of protecting themselves and their subscribers against unscrupulous advertisers. It has always been the aim of these publications to be in a class by themselves and now we are again setting the pace in the way of protecting our subscribers against unscrupulous advertisers. We will accept no advertisement unless we have absolute assurance that the advertiser is reliable. There are, however, a great many unscrupulous advertisers always watching every opportunity to prey upon the publishers and their subscribers, and in spite of our watchfulness it has sometimes happened that one of these sharks has found his way into our columns. However, by our new methods this will hardly be possible any longer, and the undersigned specialty papers have agreed to expose publicly all those advertisers who either refuse to live up to their contract with these publications or who have defrauded their subscribers. A man who will not pay his advertising bills is not a man to be trusted with an order, and beginning with the next issue, these publications will publish the names of all the advertisers from whom it is impossible to collect, or who have failed to make good with their customers.

RHODE ISLAND RED JOURNAL,
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This is certainly a good move, and we would like to see every poultry paper take such steps to rid the industry of these unscrupulous advertisers. It can easily be done if the publishers have enough nerve to call their hand. Any person who will try to get out of paying their advertising bills and deal with the publisher unfairly will treat their customers the same way. Our subscribers must have some protection against such people and we hope all poultry publishers will get together and put a stop to it. We will be glad to hear the opinion of other publishers.

MATE YOUR PENS THIS MONTH

DON'T delay mating your breeding pens another day, but get busy now and be prepared to get out a large number of early chicks for the demand for poultry and eggs will be greater than ever during 1915. There is a great demand and always will be for medium priced stock and eggs and especially among the farmers who are just

taking up the breeding of pure bred poultry.

At this time, the poultry business is now in its infancy, and the time is not far off when it will surpass the cotton crop in the South. There is never any trouble for the farmer in the South to dispose of poultry or eggs, so why should he devote his time and whole attention to raising cotton and other crops when he is not sure he can dispose of same after getting it ready to market. Then there is apt to be an over supply of these crops and the price is sure to be low. Did you ever hear of an over supply of poultry or eggs, and did you ever see the time that you could not turn same into cash and at a good price?

The farmers of the South can take a flock of hens and get greater profit out of them than he can from any other farm industry, figuring the amount invested. Start today and get you a few pure bred hens, and start the new year off right. See how many birds you can raise instead of how many pounds of cotton.

Remember Mr. Poultry Raiser, that 1915 will be the best year ever known in the poultry business. Get your pens mated early, and supply your customers with eggs and birds that will please them and give them good results. Let us all resolve that we will raise more poultry during 1915 and less cotton, and I am sure you will get greater profit and results than in any previous year. We wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

ELECTION OF KY. BRANCH, A. P. A.

WE PRINT below the newly elected officers of the Kentucky Branch as furnished by Election Commissioner Harris Lehman. We urge that every one even if you are not a member of the American Poultry Association lend their assistance and co-operation to the newly elected officers during the coming year and help them make this the best year the Kentucky Branch has ever had. If these newly elected officers get this co-operation,

great progress can be expected within the next twelve months.

Every person interested in the up-building of the poultry industry in Kentucky should join the American Poultry Association, this would not only boost the industry and membership of this branch but it would be of great benefit to you and help in many ways. Each member of this branch should try to secure one new member within the next year, this would double the membership and make us one of the strongest branches in the Association. The following officers were elected by members of the Kentucky State Branch of the American Poultry Association for the coming year: C. C. Loomis, St. Matthews, president; W. B. Buford, Nicholasville, 1st vice-president; J. J. Hooper, Lexington, 2nd vice-president; J. Gaylord Blair, Louisville, secretary; Mrs. Walter Kenney, Paris, treasurer; W. E. Johnson, Mrs. J. R. Gibson, Richmond, members of the Executive Committee.

KENTUCKY STATE POULTRY SHOW, LEXINGTON.

January 4-9.

WE ARE pleased to announce the receipt of the handsome catalogue of the Lexington show, and publish below their announcement on page 6, which is self explanatory.

In November foot and mouth disease appeared among the cattle in our State. A strenuous campaign against that dreaded disease was waged by the Kentucky Live Stock Sanitary Board and an order was issued prohibiting the holding of poultry shows until the disease should be well in hand as it was feared poultry might disseminate the contagion if shipped from one place to another. Acting upon advice from that board it became necessary early in December to call off this poultry show.

However, under date of December 14, 1914, we received a letter from the chairman of the board, announcing that the disease was so well controlled that all restrictions were removed from holding this exhibition. Upon receiving that advice we hurried to publish the catalog and to pick up the work where it had been laid aside. This explanation will serve to indicate the cause of the delay in sending out the catalogs. We sincerely hope that every one will assist in making the show and the poultry meeting a success.

No charge is made for entrance at the door.

New coops will be used which will be furnished by the experiment station.

The great Armory show of Louisville formerly booked for Thanksgiving week, but later postponed to January, has been declared off for the season. On account of the size of this show, it was found impossible to carry out the plans in the face of the uncertainty of the quarantine restriction existing at the time of the association's last meeting. In view of this, we urge every breeder throughout the State to take advantage of the opportunity of showing a full string of birds at the Lexington show, which from its beginning has been a pronounced success. Farmer's Week is an ideal time for the Kentucky poultryman to show at Lexington. For further information address J. J. Hooper, head of the department, Lexington, Kentucky.

PENDLETON Pope, of the firm of Pope & Pope, well known Barred Rock breeders, died of Peritonitis, Friday, December 11. Mr. Pope enjoyed a wide acquaintance in poultry circles for years. He had been active in the industry; was a member of the National Barred Rock Club, the American Poultry Association, the Ohio Falls Fanciers Association, the Kentucky Poultry Association and was elected a member of the Executive Committee, Kentucky Branch of the A. P. A. only a few days before his death. The State loses one of its foremost poultrymen in the death of Mr. Pope.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

1915, we salute you! May you bring with you peace and happiness to all parts of the world. We wish every reader of The Industrious Hen a prosperous year, and to all who will grasp the opportunities as they knock at their door, success is sure to come.

Have you laid out your plans for the coming year? Are you planning for a greater and better business during the year 1915 than ever before? Only those who aim high ever reach high ideals. 'Tis better to aim high and fall a little short than to aim low and hit your mark. Your business will grow one way or the other during the coming year. It takes ambition to succeed in any line of business. If we work and plan ahead we are sure to succeed. If we cease to improve and grow, the other fellow will soon pass us by and we will be left in the back row. Spur up! Success will be yours if you do your part.

Do not show your best birds too much. Many a good bird has been ruined by being kept on the go from one show to another for weeks at a time. Showing is hard on a bird's health and if we want to use them as breeders, then we had better not over-do the thing in showing them.

It is now time to mate up your pens of breeders. Don't go at this work in a hurry and in a haphazard way, but take your time and study your birds. If your male bird is "off" in some section, then try and have females to mate with him that are strong in this particular section, and vice versa. If you hope to raise prize winners you must mate your birds correctly. If you do not know how, then it will pay you well to get some one who does to do the work for you. Probably there is a

poultry judge somewhere near you that you could secure the services of for a short while to assist you in this very important part of the season's work.

Hatches for early chicks should be started soon. The cockerels can be sold at a good price in the spring and the pullets will begin laying next fall when eggs are scarce and high. Of course it is too early to hatch the smaller breeds yet.

Don't delay buying the male bird which you are going to need to head one of your pens. The longer you delay the higher the price will be, and the fewer birds will the breeders have from which to make the selection. And above all things do not buy a cheap bird just because you can get him cheap, the quality of the stock you get from him will also be cheap. An extra good male bird should be chosen even if he does cost a little more, for the difference in the quality of the young stock will offset the difference in price of the male bird many times.

Look up the incubator ads in this issue and send for their free catalogues.

Turn a new leaf if you have never advertised in The Industrious Hen, now is a mighty good time to make the start.


The supply of green food is probably running short on some farms. If you have no green feed you had better resort to sprouted oats, for your birds absolutely must have some sort of greens to give you the results that you would like to get. If you have a good supply of green feed you have the battle half won. Remember that the more green feed we use the more eggs we will get and the stronger will the chicks be that are hatched from them.

The Western North Carolina Poultry Association which held its annual show in Shelby, December 1, 2, 3, 4, 1914 was one of the best quality shows ever held in the State. There was about seven-hundred birds cooped. The quality in nearly every class was wonderful. The S. C. R. I. Red class was the best ever seen in the South. Judge H. B. Lansden who judged the class pronounced it the best that he had ever seen and he is one of the foremost

judges in the South. White Orpingtons were a beautiful class, the quality being grand. Langshans, Leghorns, Wyandottes and Rocks were large and beautiful classes. R. L. Simmons, of Charlotte, N. C. and H. B. Lansden, of Manchester, Tenn., placed the awards to the entire satisfaction of all, and this is "some job" where the quality was as good and the competition as keen as was the case there. A pen of chickens was given to the lucky person every afternoon and night of the show and a chicken eating contest by three negroes was also pulled off every night. These proved great drawing cards and the attendance was better than ever before.


We expect to visit the big Charlotte, N. C. show, December 30, 31 and January 1, 2, and hope to give our readers a write-up of this big show.

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Under this heading "Pick Ups Here and There," we will give our readers each month clippings from our exchanges that we think will interest them.

Poultry on Farms.

Agriculturists have too long neglected the claims of poultry. Many of them who have listened to advice, and have honestly tried to do something to make their fowls a more profitable feature, have stopped short on their road of progress and drifted back into the old condition of indifference. As a reason for this they state that they cannot find among their laborers men or lads sufficiently interested or intelligent properly to look after the fowls. I do not wish to make any comment as to whether this argument is right or wrong, but I do say that today it is out-of-date. Today we have automatic feeding appliances which completely solve this problem for our farmers. It is up to them to tackle the question anew under modern conditions. The opportunities for profitable poultry-keeping on farms have never been so sure as they are today. Now is the time to take the matter up seriously.

Of course the people who have not raised any young stock are usually city lot poultry raisers who had as many hens as they wanted to keep, and concluded "not to bother with little chicks this time." The result was that when their hens went into the moult they had to feed them through a long period when they "were not getting a single egg," and that is not only discouraging to the owner of the birds but gives the whole business a black eye. Needless to say, the right way to keep up a steady supply of eggs is to raise a certain number of pullets each year, and keep over only the best of the year-old hens. Beyond the second season it is advisable to keep none unless they were very exceptional birds.

The mistake is often made of attempting to produce eggs from cross-bred stock instead of pure-bred fowls. In the long run, birds continually cross-bred possess no characteristic superior to that of pure-bred birds. Standard poultry should be used because there is: 1, More reliability in breeding; 2, a larger egg production from the egg breeds; 3, an improved quality of meat in the meat breeds; 4, a uniformity in size, shape and color of the eggs; 5, more attractiveness in appearance; 6, but a slightly greater initial cost than that for mongrels; 7, no greater cost of keeping; 8, a more efficient use of the food consumed; 9, a good demand for stock and eggs for breeding; 10, always a greater selling value.

American Eggs for Allied Armies.

Boston daily papers of November 6th mentioned a large shipment of eggs on the Anglican for the use of the troops of the allies in France. As is too often the case with newspaper items, the details are obviously inaccurate. It is said that the shipment contained 80,000 cases with a total of 2,880,000 eggs and was valued at \$30,000. This indicates 36-dozen cases instead of the regulation 30-dozen case used in domestic trade. The eggs were said to have come from the West and to have made 23 carloads. It would appear that for 80,000 we should read 8,000. At that the value given would be only \$3.75 per 36-dozen case, or a little over 10 cents a dozen, which is less than half the lowest wholesale quotation on refrigerator eggs at Chicago at that date.

Of interest to poultrymen is the fact that the Anglican is commanded by Capt. Toozes, a well known breeder of

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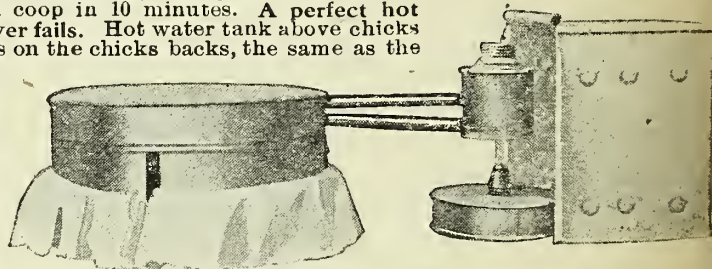
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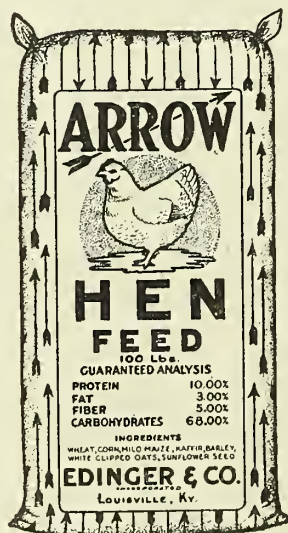


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This is the season of the year when the flock should be culled and steps taken to reduce it to the proper number to carry through the winter. Only those birds should be kept that give some promise of being healthy and vigorous during the cold months and are likely to be egg producers. The young layers of the present season that are well formed, well colored, especially the combs, and are active in getting about for their food are birds of this sort. All fowls of the opposite type should be weeded out and fattened for the market.

Kellerstrass.

We have received notice that Miss Grace Kellerstrass was married to Mr. Harry Hector, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on October 14th at the Kellerstrass home in Kansas City, Mo. They will reside in Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Ernest Kellerstrass, who lately returned from a tour of the world, has taken up winter residence in South America, being accompanied there by his son, Robert Kellerstrass.

Don't fail to renew your subscription to The Industrious Hen. See your name on the wrapper as to when your subscription expires.

The American Light Brahma Club will hold its annual meeting in connection with the fourth annual exhibition of the Schenectady Fanciers Association to be held in the State Armory at Schenectady, N. Y., January 12-16. Substantial cash premiums will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth prize winners. A cordial invitation will be extended to Light Brahma breeders to send their birds and to attend in person. They want a large class of Light Brahmas at this show. Send for premium list to H. J. Fuller, Box 922, Schenectady,

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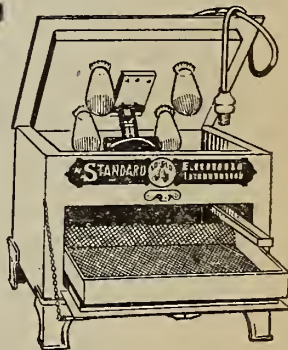
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Kentucky Poultry Association News

Are you a member of the Kentucky Poultry Association? If not, why not?

Every breeder of poultry in Kentucky should be a member of this State organization. It helps boost your breed.

Other States have a fine branch and Kentucky should rank among the first.

By being a member it helps you in a great many ways.

The Kentucky Poultry Association offers cash prizes at the various shows to its members. To compete for these prizes one must be a member of the association.

Kentucky is one of the foremost poultry States in the Union, and the Kentucky Poultry Association has done its part to place the State at the top. The association is planning big work for the coming season, and you should put your shoulder to the wheel and do your part. The dues are \$1.00 per year. Send check today to J. Gaylord Blair, American National Bank Building, Louisville, Kentucky. With each new membership you will receive a copy of The Industrious Hen for one year. Identify yourself with the association and get in the line. We're class.



First Prize White Wyandotte Cock, Cartersville, Griffin and Chattanooga, 1914. Bred and owned by Joe Ackerman, Cartersville, Ga.

There will be a big meeting of the Kentucky Poultry Association in Lexington the first week of January, 1915. Don't fail to attend and tell all of your poultry friends about it. This meeting will be held in connection with the Kentucky Show. Send your best birds there, as a winning will be worth a lot to you.

Following is the program of this meeting:

Meeting of Kentucky Poultry Association, 10 A. M. January 6, 1915, at the Kentucky Agricultural College.

Address: President Harris Lehman, Midway, Ky.

Poultry Club Work in Kentucky: H. W. Rickey, Supervisor Poultry Clubs, Ky., Experiment Station.

Judging of Poultry: Theodore Wittman, Harrisburg, Pa.

What a Woman Can Accomplish in the Rearing of Poultry: Mrs. R. L. Willmoth, Rineyville, Ky.

Orcharding and Poultry Rearing: J. T. Milligan, Stithton, Ky.

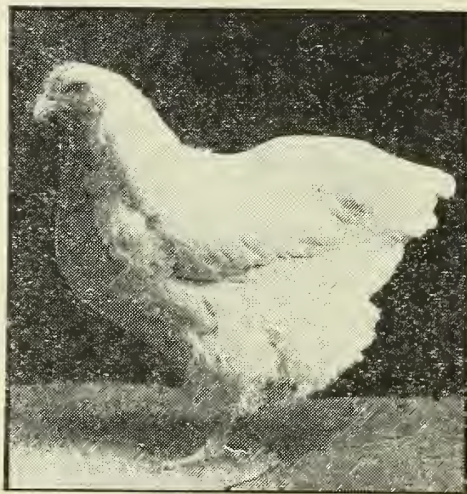
Report of Secretary: J. G. Blair, Louisville, Ky.

Poultry Management: D. D. Slade, Kentucky Experiment Station.

Diseases of Poultry: Dr. Robert Graham, Kentucky Experiment Station.

Raising Turkeys: J. Kelley Lawrence, Shelbyville, Ky.

Visit to the poultry yards operated by the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station.



First Prize White Wyandotte Pullet at Chattanooga and Griffin, 1914. Bred and owned by Joe Ackerman, Cartersville, Ga.

White Wyandottes.

List of winnings of Joe Ackerman, of Cartersville, Ga., for 1914:

Bartow County Fair, Cartersville, Ga.—First, second and fourth pen, first and second cock, first and third hen, first, second, third and fourth pullet, sweepstake prize for best pen and also best hen in show.

Georgia State Fair, Macon, Ga.—First and second cock, third hen, second and third pens, second cockerel.

Spaulding County Fair, Griffin, Ga.—First and second cock, first cockerel, first and third hen, first and second pullet, first and second pen, sweepstake prize for best cockerel in show, sweepstake prize for best ten birds in show.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 7, 1914.—First and fourth cock, second hen, first pullet, second cockerel, first pen, sweepstake prize for whitest male in show.

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Eight years ago J. M. Springer, of Stillwater, Okla., became interested in the Single Comb Rhode Island Reds. He immediately bought both stock and eggs from two of the most prominent breeders in the United States and subscribed for numerous publications on that breed, among them being "Rhode Island Reds: How to Breed and Judge Them," by Theo. Hughes, one of the best recognized authorities on Reds in the country. He read the publication religiously for the purpose of informing himself on the difficult question of mating, and has given careful attention to all detail. His success as a breeder has been proven time and again in the show room and out of it.

At the State official show at Enid last January he walked off with first and fourth cock, first and second hen, third and fourth pullet, fourth and fifth cockerel, first pen and shape and color special on female. At Muskogee in November and December he took second and seventh hen, third cockerel and third pen. Judge Van Winkle said his cockerel which he gave third place was one of the best in quality he had handled this year but was too young for that show. He sent his birds from there to the State show at Topeka, Kan., and in that show, after his birds having been cooped for twelve days he walked out with second and third hen, third pullet and color special on hen. It is almost an unheard of thing for a hen two years old to walk off with color special in competition with sixty-eight pullets, and all of them good ones, but that is what was done in this case.

Mr. Springer has just cause to be proud of the wonderful record made by his birds. They were the source of much comment in the show at Muskogee and Topeka. Such remarks as "They are the evenest lot of birds in color and most uniform in type I have ever seen," were often times heard from the visitors.

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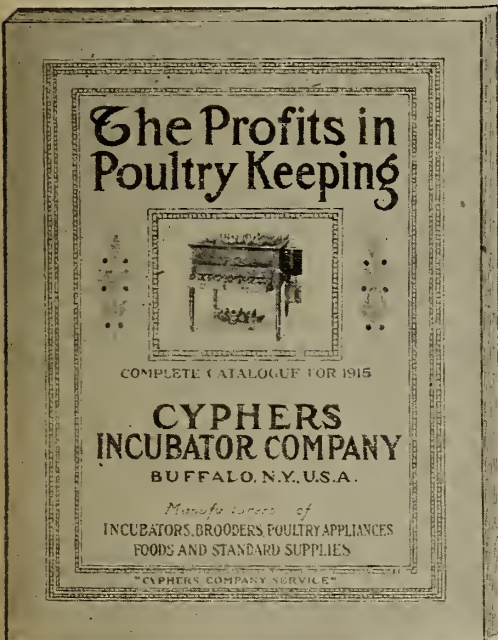
Many of our readers will be glad to learn that the 1915 edition of the Annual Catalogue and Poultry Guide of the Cyphers Incubator Company, Buffalo, N. Y., has been published and that a free copy will be mailed, postage paid and without obligation, to any reader of this journal who will write to the Cyphers Company for it, at the same time mentioning the fact that you saw their announcement in these pages.

An extra valuable feature of this 1915 Catalogue and Guide is the special attention it gives to "war time conditions and opportunities" in keeping poultry and producing eggs in the United States and Canada during the tremendous war of the nations in the old world. Here are the titles and sub-titles of two chapters that are devoted to this subject, one treating of the keeping of small flocks in door-yards or on city lots, the other pointing out how the most money can be made with domestic fowls on the average farm:

CHAPTER I, "Profits in Small Flock Poultry Keeping."—Possibilities of the small poultry flock; how to keep fowls without interfering with regular occupations; kind of fowls to keep and how to select the equipment; what lines to take up and how to market poultry products.

CHAPTER II, "Profits in Poultry Keeping on Farms."—The farm flock a money-maker; undeveloped possibilities for profit in farm poultry; how labor may be reduced and profits increased; numerous line of production that may be followed; ducks, geese and turkeys for profit.

The "Annual Open Letter," by Grant M. Curtis, president of Cyphers Incubator Company, has come to be a keynote to profitable poultry and egg production, at least in the case of thousands of Cyphers Company customers, and this year Mr. Curtis has "specially adapted his facts and recommendations to present



war time conditions and the existing opportunities for poultry keepers in the United States"—so we are informed in a recent letter from the secretary of Cyphers Incubator Company.

"The Profits in Poultry Keeping" is the title of the 1915 Cyphers Company Catalogue and Guide. It consists of 200 pages, 7½x10 inches in size, and is profusely illustrated. It tells all about the company's "Free Personal Letter Service," about the Cyphers Company's "Service Bulletins," free to customers, about the two new styles of popular-priced incubators placed on the market by the Cyphers Company this year and fully describes the nearly one hundred other practical articles of standard quality manufactured by this company for the use of successful poultrykeepers on either a large or a small scale.

For your copy of this 200-page free book address Cyphers Incubator Company at its place of business nearest you, as follows: Buffalo, N. Y.; 41 Barclay street, New York City; 12-14 Canal street, Boston, Mass.; 329-331 Plymouth court, Chicago, Ill.; 317-319 Southwest boulevard, Kansas City, Mo.; 2127-2131 Broadway, Oakland, Cal.; 316-318 N. Preston street, Dallas, Tex.; 121-123 Finsbury pavement, London, England.

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Owensboro (Ky.) Show Awards.

BARRED ROCKS—First pen, best Barred Rock in show, first cock, first cockerel, second pullet, C. E. Carpenter, Owensboro, Ky.; second and third pen, first hen, first pullet, Mrs. Viola Thompson, West Louisville, Ky.; second cockerel, Miss Minnie Baker, Owensboro, Ky.; fourth pen, Henry Morton, Owensboro, Ky.

SILVER PENCILED ROCKS—First pen, R. L. Daniels, Owensboro, Ky.; second pen, second male, best White Rock in show, all varieties competing, Logan Meredith, Owensboro, Ky.; third and fourth pens, first male, second female, Mrs. J. W. Werteker, Stanley, Ky.

PARTRIDGE ROCKS—First pen, Geo. Steitler, Owensboro, Ky.; second pen, first male, first female, Fargy & Knight, Owensboro, Ky.

WHITE WYANDOTTES—First pen, first cockerel, first hen, first pullet, best White Wyandotte in show, Mrs. Hayden, Owensboro, Ky.; second and fourth pens, Paul Gau, Stanley, Ky.; third pen, M. C. Riley, Livia, Ky.

PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTES—First pen, J. L. Kelley, Owensboro, Ky.; second pen, Wayne Faust, Owensboro, Ky.; third pen, first male, first female, J. V. Bartley, Philpot, Ky.

COLUMBIAN WYANDOTTES—All prizes to Wm. Reid, Owensboro, Ky.

BUFF ORPINGTONS—First pen, best Buff Orpington in show, Delmar Gordon, Owensboro, Ky.; second pen, E. O. Dehaven, Owensboro, Ky.; third pen, J. L. Thompson, Owensboro, Ky.; fourth pen, A. M. Kinkead, Central City, Ky.

S. C. REDS—First pen, best Red in show, R. M. Robards, Owensboro, Ky.; second pen, W. H. Hardin, Owensboro, Ky.; third pen, R. M. Thompson, Rome, Ky.; fourth pen, Miss Martha Baseley, Owensboro, Ky.

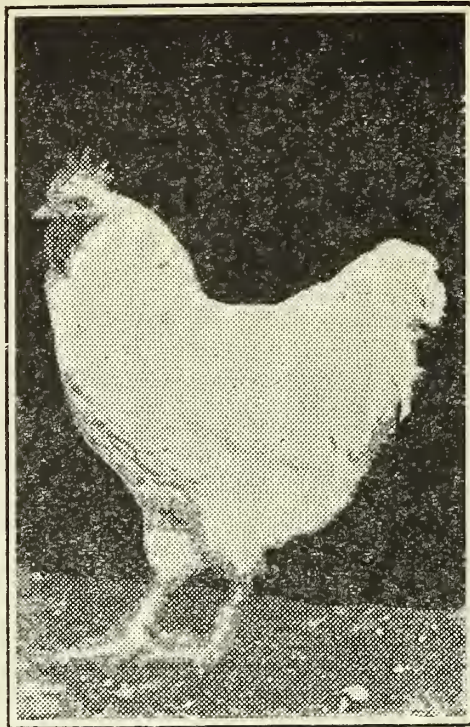
R. C. REDS—First pen, best R. C. Red in show, John Gilmour, Owensboro, Ky.; second pen, J. W. May, Owensboro, Ky.; third pen, W. L. Way, Owensboro, Ky.

RHODE ISLAND WHITES—All to Mrs. G. W. Sauer, Stanley, Ky.

BROWN LEGHORNS—First, second, third and fourth pens, best Brown Leghorn in show, first hen, first pullet, first cockerel, first cock, best Brown Leghorn hen in show, best display any one variety, best display of Leghorns, best display of any one variety by

member of Owensboro Poultry Show, best pullet in show, all varieties competing, Mrs. Joe Mulligan, St. Joseph, Ky.

BUFF LEGHORNS—All prizes to Mrs. C. H. Walp, Owensboro, Ky.



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WHITE LEGHORNS—First pen, best cockerel by member of club, Dr. T. B. Sanders, Owensboro, Ky.; second pen, Miss Eleanor Taylor, Maceo, Ky.; third pen, best White

Leghorn in show, first pullet, first hen, Gus Gillem, Owensboro, Ky.

S. C. BLACK MINORCAS—First, second, third and fourth pens, best cock in show, all varieties competing, best Black Minorca in show, first female, first male, James Russell, Owensboro, Ky.

R. C. MINORCAS—All prizes to Mrs. Oscar Pool, Maceo, Ky.

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CORNISH INDIANS—All prizes to B. J. Killian, Owensboro, Ky.

SILVER CAMPINES—All to Stanton Cottrell, Owensboro, Ky.

WHITE COCHIN BANTAMS—All to Tom Laswell, Owensboro, Ky.

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INDIAN RUNNER DUCKS—All to Mrs. Oscar Pool, Maceo, Ky.

BRONZE TURKEYS—All to Gargy & Knight, Owensboro, Ky.

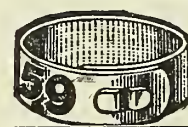
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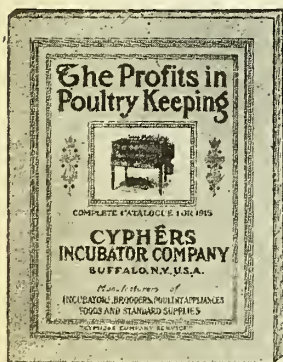
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ALEX RAY, Jr.,

Valley View, Kentucky

CYPHERS 1915 CATALOGUE

WE ASK EVERY READER of this Journal who is interested in "The Profits In Poultry Keeping" to send his or her name and address **today** to our nearest place of business for a **free, postpaid copy** of our big, 200-page finely illustrated Catalogue for 1915, the first edition of which is now being mailed **without cost** or obligation to every man or woman who asks for it.



1915 Complete Free Catalogue of Cyphers Incubator Company. Get Your Copy Soon!

The title of this latest Cyphers Company 1915 Year Book is, "**The Profits In Poultry Keeping.**" The size of pages is 7½ by 10 inches and there are hundreds of interesting illustrations. Two prominent chapters tell how to make the most money with domestic fowls **during war times** or so-called "hard times." The annual "Open Letter" in this book, 13 pages in length, by Grant M. Curtis, president of the Cyphers Company, is worth **many dollars** to every earnest, thrifty, I-mean-business poultry keeper who will read and heed the practical advice given. For this free, 200-page catalogue address our place of business nearest you—and thus save time.

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"Dead-in-the-Shell" Chicks.

The Oregon State Experiment Station, in Bulletin No. 100, deals with the subject of artificial incubation, and the losses that come to poultrymen every year as a result of the chicks dying in the shell. To quote from the bulletin, it says:

"Artificial incubation in recent years has assumed large proportions. Large numbers of incubators and brooders are purchased every year, entailing in the aggregate large investments of capital. It is admitted that there are large losses in the artificial incubation and brooding of chicks and many explanations are given as to the cause. The complaint is that the embryo either dies in the shell or, hatching, soon succumbs to bowel, or other troubles. Experience shows that fully 25 per cent of the eggs placed in the incubator are found at the end of the hatch with fully developed chicks dead in the shell. Why the embryo should

live through the period of incubation, and then die in the shell is a problem that has baffled the most extended investigation."

As bearing upon this subject, a letter from the well known breeder, A. A. Kryder, secretary of the Goshen (Ind.) Poultry Association, should be of interest to our readers. This letter is written to the Reliable Poultry Specialty Company under date of November 27, 1914, and speaks for itself:

"Gentlemen: I am glad to write and tell you the success I had with your Ajax Improved Oxygen Vitalizer last season. I do custom hatching and last season hatched 7,500 chicks for other people. By using the oxygen vitalizer I am able to get much better hatches and the chicks are stronger and grow faster. I tried the incubators, with and without the vitalizer, and have proven that the oxygen does all and more than you claim for it. To sum it all up, I would not think of taking off another hatch without this truly wonderful device. If there is anyone in this part of the country that wants to see the vitalizer work, just refer them to me and I will let them see a hatch come off and let them see for themselves what it actually does. Many thanks for your courteous treatment. Very truly,

"A. A. KRYDER,
Secretary,

Goshen (Ind.) Poultry Association.

In our January number will be found the advertisement of the Reliable Poultry Specialty Company, and from the letter of Mr. Kryder it would seem that at last something has come into the market that promises well to put an end to the dead in the shell losses.

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DEPARTMENT

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It is really surprising that the wild turkeys have been so nearly wiped from the face of the Earth, only little more than half a century and wild turkeys were more numerous than our domestic turkeys. It appears that Kentucky has always been the native turkey State. Back in Audubon's time, more than half a century ago, he says wild turkeys in Kentucky was so numerous that they only brought three-pence apiece in the markets. A friend of mine in the South sent the writer a few years ago, a pure wild tom. He measured four feet in length, five feet in the stretch of his wings. His wattles and head was the most beautiful blue I ever saw. His shanks was a bright flesh color. Now when you talk about "Copper Bronze," this wild bird had it in its purity. It was much more brilliant than in our domestic turkeys. You could not detect but very little green, if any in the tail covets or in any section, no matter how you reflect the light on it, but little green or steel was observed. The tail was a dark chestnut, barred with "midnight" black near the end, ending with a broad band of black. Not a trace of white could be found on the ends of main tail feathers nor upon covets, so strongly demanded in our domestic Bronze Turkey. Those that have had years of experience with wild turkeys, tell me the absence of white on main tail and on covets is the best evidence in the world of a pure wild turkey, but if white tips appear then we know it has a cross with some of our domestic turkeys. In both the males and females of adult birds is found a long coarse hairy turf in center of breast. The females are not so brilliant in that strong copper bronze as the males. From the pure wild turkey is where some of our most noted bronze turkey breeders get that heavy copper bronze running strong in covets and high up over back. We have the most graceful shaped turkey in our domestic bronze, but when it comes to high bronze color we are compelled to take off our hat to the wild turkey. Of course the careful breeding of desired points in our domestic bronze turkey presents them in the most beautiful appearance of all turkeys, with those that admire verigated colors. It is a well known fact that our Domestic Bronze turkeys are the original turkey of America. They are the real turkey and can claim the slogan of "Made in America." They are the most profitable and popular variety of all domestic turkeys being bred direct from the Mexican wild turkey. With good care and skillful mating they have been developed into the heaviest and most desirable turkey grown. Possibly the advocates of the White Holland, the Narragansett, the Black, the Buff, the Slate and the Bourbon Red turkey will say, "your ideas are conceited, there are

others just as good as yours." But I certainly beg your pardon, for we have no such an idea, I am presenting facts just as they exist, there is no turkey grown that carry as much honor and popularity as the Bronze, as they are bred more extensively throughout the United States than any other variety. While this is true, the New Bourbon Reds are now a close second. In our tour through Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, recently I found more Bourbon Red turkeys than all others save the Bronze. They were once known as the "Kentucky Reds." There is no doubt that their origin can be claimed by Kentucky, while some claim they originated in the Ozark Mountains, but this is largely discredited. However, they are a very hardy turkey, a beautiful colored turkey and their purely domestic habits make them very popular. They are very hardy and easily raised which makes them admired by many. Since they refrain from roaming over the country as the Bronze they are admired by many suburban residents. However, domestic they may be, they cannot stand close confinement, as a chicken, its not the nature of a turkey to be confined, "the more range the more turkeys" is a

very true saying. I presume all the standard varieties of turkeys have more or less wild blood running in their veins and must have this natural impulse in order to develop properly. At this age, we hear and see all kinds of things said in praise of the Bronze and Bourbon Red turkeys, and never a word is mentioned about the old time Slate turkey. Here is a turkey that is without doubt one of the grandest varieties in the turkey family, but for some reasons have become a misnomer, as they should be called the Blue Turkey, and then the Blue Andalusian, the Blue Orpington advocates would have taken to them more kindly. They are of the same weights as the black and buff turkey, but I have seen them as large as the Bronze, in fact it appears the standard weights are entirely too low for them as they appear to naturally grow larger than the

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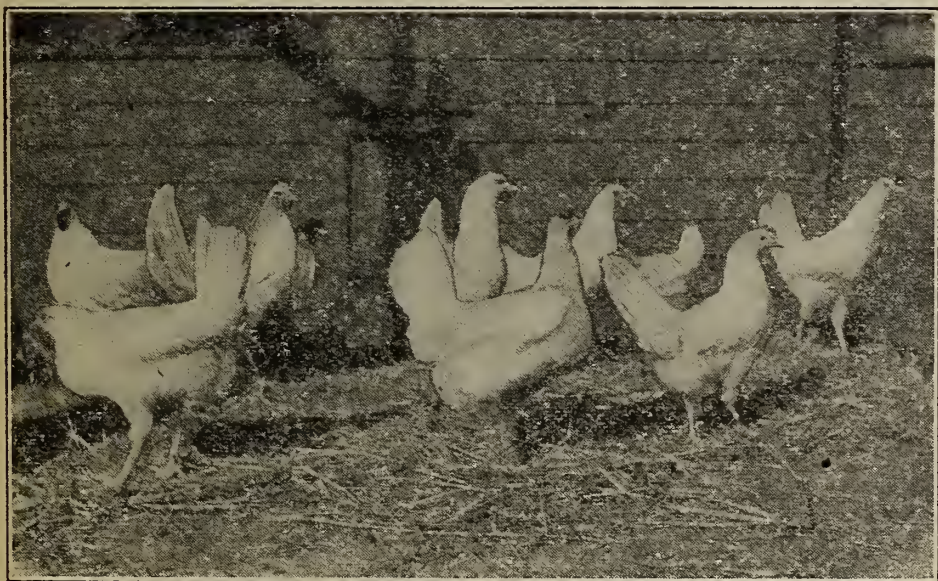
standard calls for which is only 27 pounds for cocks and 18 pounds for hens, when the cocks will easily reach 36 pounds and better. There is not a hardier turkey grown. When you hatch a Slate turkey you can count on maturing it, as it is determined to live. If breeders of the Slate turkey would push them more vigorously they would soon become equal to the Bronze in popularity.

The writer has received several inquiries recently for Slate turkeys or put them in touch with breeders of this variety. I know but one or two breeders of this variety and why more farmers do not grow them is rather a puzzle as they are very hardy, never roam far from the farm buildings and are great layers. A well bred Slate turkey hen will lay until well up in October and not only this but are good gentle mothers. If Slate turkey breeders would advertise their stock through some of the journals and put a little snap into their efforts they could not half supply the demand for their wares. J. C. CLIPP.

HENS WORK MORE DAYS THAN MEN.

Record-Breaking Pen of Heavy-Laying Leghorns Now Owned in Philadelphia.

Three hens which work more days in a year than the average business man have come to Philadelphia to live—and lay. Their official records are 264, 263 and 256 eggs in one year,



their average being 261. As a hen never lays more than one egg a day, this represents 261 days' work, or more days, after deducting Sundays, holidays and vacations, than the average business man spends at his office or store.

These birds are the three in the foreground in the photograph, counting from the left. The photograph shows the entire pen of ten birds, whose total egg production for one year was 2202 eggs, or an average of over 220 eggs per bird. This is an official trapnest record, it having been made in the International Egg Laying Contest running at Thorndale, Pa., the past year.

These birds have been bought for a big price by the Pratt Food Co., of this city, and, together with two other birds, which are full sisters and were held in reserve at the contest, will be used in further breeding and laying tests at the Pratt Experiment Station, Morton, Pa.

This record of 2202 eggs in one year beats by 129 the record of the winning hens at the previous International contest, or over a dozen eggs more per hen. When it is recalled that last year's winners were valued at \$1,000, it is seen that the Philadelphia birds undoubtedly comprise the highest scoring and most valuable pen of ten Single Comb White Leghorns.

It is interesting to note that the average Leghorn hen weighs only about four pounds, or say 40 pounds for this pen. Their eggs, averaged at two ounces each, weighed almost 275 pounds. Thus the hens produced in eggs nearly seven times their own weight.

Figured at 35 cents a dozen, 2202 eggs were worth \$64.23, which after deducting \$1.60 per

hen for food, leaves a profit of \$48.23.

Can any industry show a higher return considering investment and labor? We doubt it.

The record of the birds shown in this illustration becomes even more astonishing when one takes into consideration the following facts: In the International contest there were five hundred fowls in competition, representing the pick of the best layers of Europe and America. Only four pens (5 birds each) laid above 1100 eggs and only 16 pens went above 1000. Only one out of every four birds laid 200 eggs or over, and the entire average of the 500 birds was but 170 eggs each. The ten birds in this lot shown averaged 1100 eggs to the pen (5 birds), an average of over 220 eggs apiece, or 50 eggs per bird above the contest average. There is one thing strikingly apparent about the above birds that seems to set them off from what has previously been generally accepted as the English type of heavy egg-laying Leghorn. That is the close approximation to the American type of bird. There is a certain pleasing flow to the lines, a refinement of appearance that has heretofore been conspicuous by its absence, but the long black, deep body, heavy comb, alert appearance are still there.

At the great Tri-State Fair, Memphis, Tenn., October 3, 1914, Fair View Poultry yards, Cookeville, Tenn., won the following on their great Light Brahmas: First cock, first and second hen, third and fourth cockerel, second pullet, first pen, second champion ribbons, second shape, second color ribbons on Black Breasted Red Game Bantams, first cock, first cockerel, first and second pullet, first and second hen, first pen, silver cup for best display Game Bantams, A. P. A. medal for best Game Bantam. They did not show any Rocks at this show is the reason they did not win.

Lake Park, Ga., Nov. 23, 1914.
H. I. Co., Salem, Va.—I control chick bowel troubles by the "OCULUM" method. Every one wonders why I do not lose chicks. Out

pound weight on an average. Parties come from surrounding counties to see the chicks. Truly, Geo. E. Worthington.

Can any poultry expert who does not use the "OCULUM" method equal this?

Coming Attractions

B. F. KEITH THEATER—Keith Square, Fifth and Walnut Street.

Ruth Royce, the Princess of Ragtime, who played for seven consecutive weeks at the Palace Theatre in New York, and was awarded a silver cup as the champion rag singer of the world, will be featured on the bill for the week of January 3d. Other notable features are Jane Connolly and her players in a unique comedy sketch; McDevitt, Kelly and Lucey; Bill Pruitt, Sylvia Loyal and Pierrot; Baptiste and Franconi, and others. For the week of January 10, Eddie Leonard, the famous minstrel, assisted by Mabel Russel, will feature a new specialty, and others on the list are Bert Levy, Alf Holt, Dooley and Rugel, the Davis Family, the Dunedin Duo, the Drummer of the 76th and others. Attractive bills are being prepared for the week of January 17 and 24.

GAYETY THEATER—Jefferson near Fourth. Drama and Musical Comedy.

Jan. 3—"He Fell in Love With His Wife."
Jan. 10—"In Old Kentucky."
Jan. 17—"Shepherd of the Hills."
Mail orders given special attention. For further information address C. T. Taylor, Manager.

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Jan. 6-9—Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch.

Jan. 13-16—Clara Kimball Young in The Deep Purple.

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If you are Secretary of your Specialty Club, Poultry Show or Association, be sure to send in your news each month for this department. We will gladly publish same free for you. Also let your members know what the Club and Association are doing. Keep them posted.

What is the White Plymouth Rock Club?

1. It is a booster organization for White Plymouth Rocks.
 2. It entitles you to compete for club ribbons and the handsome specials at all poultry shows. And puts you in direct touch with all White Plymouth Rock breeders.
 3. It entitles you to participate in the educational propaganda now under way for the novice and beginner in this premier breed.
 4. White Plymouth Rocks are the most perfected exhibition fowl, bred today and year after have won more sweepstake prizes than any other two varieties combined.
 5. White Plymouth Rocks have attained the highest official record for the number of eggs laid in one year, and for twenty years have reigned supreme as the most profitable producer of marketable eggs.
 6. More White Plymouth Rock dressed poultry is received in the New York and Boston markets than all other varieties combined.
 7. As an admirer and breeder of this superior breed you should line up with the White Plymouth Rock forces.
 8. Your co-operation and good support will help to advertise and perpetuate their surpassing excellence over the civilized world.
 9. The club stands for more and better White Plymouth Rocks.
 10. The White Plymouth Rock breeders united will keep the breed where it belongs—at the top.
- Ducs are only one dollar per year and should be sent to the White Plymouth Rock Club, Albashire, Bartlett, Tenn.

White Campine Club.

Get into the greatest boom ever launched in poultrydom. White Campines are far more hardy than any other small breed of poultry, easy to rear, mature very rapidly, lay better than White Leghorns and are full breasted and plump, tender for table use even after the second year.

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WALKER LYBARGER, Sec'y.

Gambier, Ohio.

The Fanciers Association of Indiana will hold their fifteenth annual show in Indianapolis February 1 to 5, 1915. This will be the only show held in Indianapolis this year. This means one grand big show of the best quality. The judges so far selected to place the awards are Pierce, Hewes, Moe and Zike; others will be added. A number of specialty clubs will hold annual and State meetings at this show. Black Orpingtons, S. C. Brown Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Buff Rocks and White Rocks with others have been booked. The Bantam classes will be a special feature at this show, as for the past two years Bantams at this show made a good show alone. A request for premium list sent the secretary, C. R. Milhous, Indianapolis, Ind., will be filed and list sent as soon as out.

The National Java Club will offer eight handsome silk ribbons at every show which prints a notice to that effect in its premium

list. They will be awarded on Black and Mottled Java cocks, hens, cockerels and pullets. All breeders of Javas are urged to join the club at once and membership is free until March 1, 1915. After that dues of \$1 a year will be charged. Those who are not members and who wish to compete for the ribbons can register with the secretary of the club before the entries close for any particular show. For further information address the secretary, Herbert J. Link, 61 W. Lake street, Chicago, Ill., or 616 C St., LaPorte, Ind.

"War High Prices."

Mr. W. J. Wirt, proprietor of Ridge View farms, of Knowlesville, New York, informs us that they are offering some very choice bargains in fine stock at low prices, in Runner and Muscovy ducks. The Muscovy is the duck that never quacks and roosts like a chicken and lays as well as the Runner. Mr. Wirt tells us that they have ducks that have laid 300 eggs in a year. They are also offering some fine fowls for sale, including Bantams, Games, Sicilian Buttercups, etc. See their display advertisement in this issue and give them a trial order.

Fostoria Show.

The Fostoria Feather Fanciers Club are certainly going to have one of the best poultry shows that Ohio has had in years. Last year they were handicapped for room, but this year they have secured one of the finest rooms that any association would care for, large enough to coop two thousand birds, absolutely fireproof, with ideal light and perfect ventilation and right in the center of the city.

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The State meet of the White Rock Club will also be held at this show, and the finest bunch of specials that has ever been offered at a State meet. Mr. U. R. Fishel will place the winners in this class. Fostoria has seven trunk steam roads, three interurbans and all the express companies in existence. Better write for one of their premium lists now before you forget it, to Tom L. Hachet, secretary, Fostoria, Ohio.

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Having been raised on a farm, I find the older I get, the greater is my desire to return to the soil, and I enjoy nothing more than to sit down at night and read the pages of some poultry or farm magazine and the most interesting of these articles are the personal experiences of men who have made good or bad in the poultry business.

Most of my time is taken up with my real estate and insurance business, but some years ago I picked out thirty acres of ground I thought was ideal for raising chickens and which truly is. Not having the time to give the place my personal attention, I began to look around for a man to take charge. I found him in a barber shop, he was the champion chicken raiser of the world, and for fear some one would beat me to him, I took him out to my place and closed a contract for the first year, well we didn't raise any chickens that year, then I began to look for some one who didn't know so much; I found him in Mr. L. D. Roberts my present manager, who had taken an agricultural course and had eight years experience in producing his strains of single comb Rhode Island Reds and so we have been working ever since to produce a great strain of these birds, we have, I believe, the largest and best equipped plant in the South (a cut showing the brooder house, incubator cellar and a few of the breeding pens), and have on hand now about 1250 birds and expect to have three times this many next year. Although we have been perfecting this strain for several years, never until this year have we entered the show room nor have we offered birds for sale, but our record this fall should entitle us to the champions of the South. At Chattanooga, competing with 350 birds from all over the South, our birds received two-thirds of the ribbons, at Memphis, with ten birds we won two championship cups and six ribbons.

There is no reason that we can't raise just as good birds in the South as they can in the North and East and the sooner the Southern fancier realizes that he just as good at home as he will find in the North the better off shall we be.

Yours very truly,
W. H. FARRAR.

SHEPPERD'S ANCONAS.

You will find the advertisement of H. Cecil Shepperd's famous Anconas on the outside back cover of this issue. He has made a wonderful reputation with his birds both in the show room and in laying contests. And if you are in the market for either stock or eggs, don't fail to look up his advertisement and write him, and be sure to mention this paper.

Don't fail to feed your birds "Arrow Brand" feeds, manufactured by Edinger & Co., Louisville, Ky. Look up their advertisement and write them for prices and samples.

The Duplex System.

Breeders everywhere are awakening to the wonderful possibilities of colony brooding. Thousands of them have adopted this system only to be surprised with results. Not only did they find that larger and better chicks could be raised, but they also found that this system saved them three-quarters of their time and reduced the expense for fuel.

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COVER ILLUSTRATIONS.

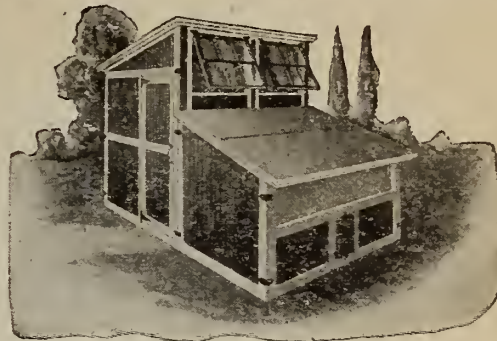
The Barred Plymouth Rock cockerel illustrated on the cover this month is owned by C. E. Carpenter, Owensboro, Ky., and headed the 1st prize pen at the recent Owensboro Poultry Club.

REGAL WHITE WYANDOTTES.

Be sure to look up the advertisement of Jno. S. Martin, Port Dover, Ontario, Canada and write him for prices and catalogue of his famous Regal strain of White Wyandottes. We will publish cuts and more about his famous birds in our February issue. In writing him please mention the Hen.

Attention is called to above illustration of the New Miller Open Front Fresh Air Portable Henhouse—their advertisement appears on another page. The manufacturers tell us that they had in mind at all times in designing this

house, to eliminate defects common in different styles of hen houses. The idea was to put a house upon the market which would be the latest improved and practical henhouse to use. We believe that this house will meet the approval of all poultry people who advocate the fresh air open front style of house; this



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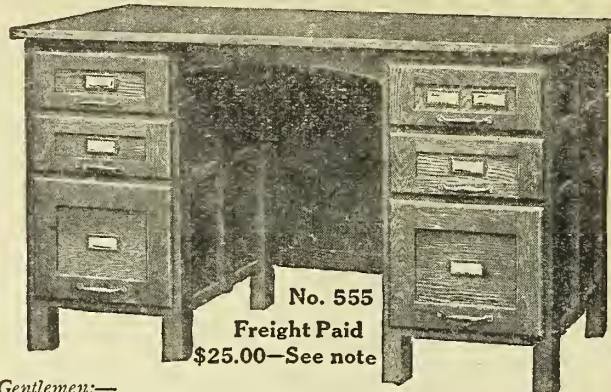
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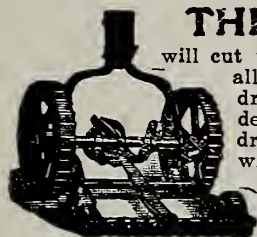
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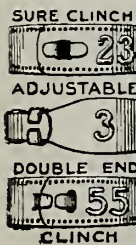
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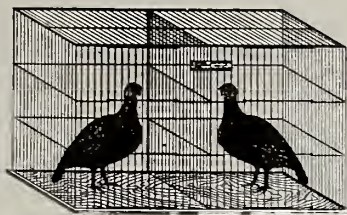
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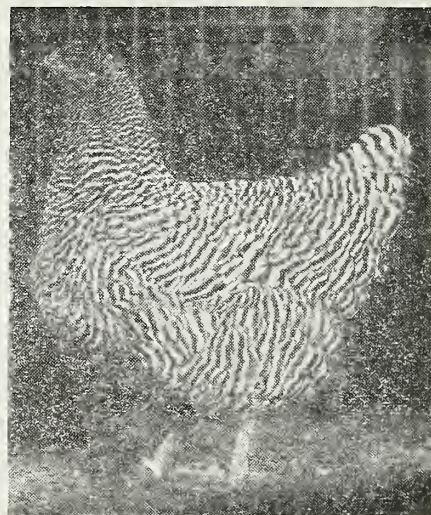
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